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## Youth Ambassadors -Application Form

Participants interested in applying for this program should answer the questionnaire below in English and return it, along with the required supporting documentation (which may be in Spanish), to the address listed below **NO LATER THAN MAY 20, 2014**. Applicants outside of Quito can mail their application packages using Correos del Ecuador, or via courier service.

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**IMPORTANT:** Written applications and supporting documents must be received by **May 20, 2014**. Finalists will be contacted to schedule a personal interview in English. While English fluency is not required, participants' English skills must be strong enough to be able to interact with American families and others during a three-week program. Thirteen winning applicants will be notified of their selection by June 30, 2014. Participants who do not already possess an Ecuadorian passport will be required to apply for one as soon as they are notified (financial assistance for passport applications will be available) and will travel to Quito or Guayaquil for visa processing in July. Students selected as Youth Ambassadors must qualify for a U.S. visa. (For more information on visa requirements, visit <http://spanish.ecuador.usembassy.gov>.) Once all travel documents are ready, Youth Ambassadors will travel to Quito for a brief pre-departure orientation prior to departing for the United States in mid-September. The group will return to Quito three weeks later.



Please attach a color photo of yourself taken within the last year.

**Important:**

**Eligible candidates must meet all of the following pre-requisites and present all required documentation to be considered eligible to participate in the selection process:**

- 15-18 years old as of September 13, 2014;
- Students must be attending a public school, a low cost private institution (monthly costs should not exceed USD \$80), or a private school on a full financial-based scholarship.
- Must still be enrolled in high school as of September 2014;
- Good written and oral skills in English;
- Strong leadership skills;
- Very good grades in school;
- Underprivileged socio-economic background;
- No previous travel to the United States;
- Strong commitment/involvement in social responsibility/volunteer projects.
- No family relation with United States Embassy or Consulate personnel or staff of EIL.

**Required Documentation (MAY BE IN SPANISH):**

- A recent photograph (color);
  - A copy of your identity card (cédula de identidad);
  - A copy of your school registration for the current school-year;
  - A copy of your school record for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years;
  - A copy of your English language school record for the current school year;
  - A copy of the earning statements from both parents and/or your legal guardian;
  - A copy of the most recent electricity bill at your residence;
  - A letter of recommendation from a teacher or school principal;
  - A letter of recommendation from your parents or legal guardian;
  - A letter of recommendation from a social project(s) in which you are engaged.
  - For students on financial-based scholarships, an official school certificate supporting the financial scholarship arrangements.
  - For private school students, a copy of the monthly fee invoice from the school showing that fees do not exceed USD \$80.
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- Please **do not** mail original diplomas, since these will not be returned after the selection process.
  - Only the finalists will be contacted (via email) for an in-person interview. Appointments will be scheduled with each finalist. Interviews will be conducted in English.

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN ENGLISH

**Personal Information:**

Complete Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_ City/Province of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete home address (include street name, number, city and province):  
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Home phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \*: \_\_\_\_\_

\* (If you don't have an email address, please open a Gmail, Yahoo, or Hotmail email account).

Previous travels abroad:

- To the U.S.: No ( ) Yes ( ) Where/When? \_\_\_\_\_

- To other countries: No ( ) Yes ( ) Where/When? \_\_\_\_\_

Medical restrictions (if yes, please specify type of medication used):  
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Allergies (if yes, please specify):  
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**Family Information:**

Parents: Married ( ) Separated ( ) Divorced ( ) Single parent ( ) Other ( )

Deceased: Mother ( ) Father ( )

Family size: Number of Brothers: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Sisters: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members living with you in the same house: \_\_\_\_\_

Who do you live with: Parents ( ) Mother ( ) Father ( ) Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Father's complete name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's date and place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's employer (name of organization): \_\_\_\_\_

Father's salary (attach a copy of earning statement): \_\_\_\_\_

Father's level of education: Primary ( ) Secondary ( ) University ( ) Graduate studies ( )

Father's home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Father's home phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Office phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's complete name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's date and place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's employer (name of organization): \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's salary (attach a copy of earning statement): \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's level of education: Primary ( ) Secondary ( ) University ( ) Graduate studies ( )  
Mother's home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mother's home phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Office phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Educational Data:**

Name, **complete address and telephone number** of the school where you study (including street name, number, city and province):

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**Current** grade at regular school (Attach a copy of your school record for school year 2013-2014):

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Do you study English in a Language institute? If so, please provide name and address of institute. (Attach a copy of your academic record for the current school year):

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Estimated date of graduation (month and year):

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### **Volunteer/Social Initiative:**

List the name(s) of organization(s), type(s) of social work/volunteerism initiatives in which you are engaged, and the number of years you have been involved in each activity. Also, briefly describe the work that you do, how often you participate in these activities and how many people benefit from each initiative. (Please attach a letter of recommendation, in either Spanish or English, from the director of the organization(s) where you volunteer):

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### **Your interest in the Youth Ambassadors' Program:**

Why do you want to become a Youth Ambassador? (You may attach additional pages)

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What are your goals and dreams for the future, both academically and professionally? (You may attach additional pages)

[illegible]

Date (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_ City/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's signature:

I.D. #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's signature:

Father's signature:

I.D.#: \_\_\_\_\_

I.D.#: \_\_\_\_\_